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Judith - As requested - a note for you to send to the other RAs on LEAF

As part of our ongoing investigation into the potential environmental impact caused by wide-spread and ongoing land deposition of large amounts of coal combustion residue (CCR) aggregate in Puerto Rico, EPA Region 2 requested, in 2012, that ORD analyze the aggregate using EPA'S new Leaching Environmental Assessment Framework (LEAF) methods to assess pH and liquid/solid ratio dependent leaching. A final, peer-reviewed report on the analyses, entitled Leaching Behavior of "Agremax" Collected from a Coal Fired Power Plant in Puerto Rico, was published by ORD in December 2012 and is attached for your information. The LEAF analysis revealed that Agremax leaches several metals, including arsenic, well above health-based criteria. (To-date, two of four such LEAF methods, including Method 1313 that was used to assess the pH dependent leaching of the aggregate, have been posted by EPA as new SW-846 test methods:

http://www.epa.gov/osw/hazard/testmethods/sw846/new_meth.htm). We encourage you to consider using this method. If you have any technical questions, please have your staff contact George Meyer at 212 637-4070.
Thanks

From: Enck, Judith
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Dore: not a bad idea. plz put together the documents, and a short note that I can email to other ra's. No rush. Tx

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Dear Regional Administrator Enck:

I would also like to thank you and your staff for yesterday's meeting. We appreciate the work the Region has done to date to investigate the harm posed to citizens of Puerto Rico and their environment by the unsafe use and disposal of coal ash.

As we discussed yesterday, it would be tremendously helpful if your office could share the technical report containing the results of the LEAF test with other EPA regional offices currently facing similar problems. Since the disposal of coal ash poses potential threats in most states, distribution to all regions would be the most helpful. At minimum, I know that Regions 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, and 10 are currently facing problems involving coal ash disposal and reuse and would immediately benefit by this information-sharing.

Thank you in advance for circulating the report. I look forward to future discussions with you regarding this pressing problem.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms.Enck and Staff,

It was a pleasure to meet with you and your staff yesterday. Attached are the documents requested,specifically,the AES letter to the Municipality of Guayama and the Statement (Ponencia) of Comité Dialogo Ambiental,Inc.concerning proposed legislation on coal ash pending before the Puerto Rico Senate. With respect to the contractors who have used most of the coal ash,in addition to Engineer Juan Rodriguez-Claudio, AES Puerto Rico,L.P.was the contractor in 2 large projects, the AES water well field site and a road construction site in Guayama. A company known as Vives Construction, owned by Guillermo Lopez has also used the ash in various construction projects, as well as the Municipality of Guayama prior to adopting the Ordinance prohibiting its use in the Municipality.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Cordially,

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